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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to St Martin's

ESPECIALLY TO FR PETER - who will be celebrating Masses on Saturday, Sunday and Thursday.

DOWRY TOUR OF OUR LADY OF WASINGHAM -

7th-9th February. Flyer detailing full schedule now available in the porch. Anyone interested in attending on **Friday the 8th** is welcome to join Fr Simon, **11-3.30pm**, (following 9.30 Mass) confirm through the office on 663706. Own transport will need to be arranged, however, if you are able to offer a lift or need a lift, contact Jenny on 663706 so arrangements can be made.

RED MISSIO BOXES - following Fr Vincent's appeal in April, please return your box to the sacristy, this will enable us to forward your donations - which will support churches facing difficulties in the developing world.

ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT - OPEN DAY - SATURDAY, 16TH February, 2019 The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over - please see notice board for further info or contact The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy - (01844) 344437. Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN! It's the Galway Association Bedfordshire Annual Dinner Dance. To be held at The Holy Ghost on **Saturday 16th February 2019**, music by Mustang Band. Tickets still only £25.00 for a four course meal sit down 7.15, bar provided. For further details and tickets see Anne Mead or ring 01582 508699.

ST MARTINS AFRICAN COMMUNITY GROUP (ACG) - next meeting is on the **24th February** at **12.30pm**.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS' EVENT - ALL WARMLY WELCOME - hear about some of the hardest to reach most vulnerable communities in the world like those in Sierra Leone and Liberia and how your support is empowering them to overcome poverty.

- **Sat 23 Feb** - Our Lady Help of Christians, West Street, OLNEY, MK46 5HJ

Day is from **10:15am - 2.30pm**. Please book a place - 01494 863 777 or northampton@cafod.org.uk

2019 SPUC YOUTH CONFERENCE - the annual Youth Conference of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will take place **15-17 March 2019**. For young people aged 16 upwards. See poster and flyers in the porch for full details.

REQUEST FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS - if you are able to help with general maintenance, especially carpenters, electricians and plumbers, your services would be greatly appreciated! Either contact the parish office on 663706, e mail admin@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk, or leave your contact details in the sacristy. Thank you.

SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2019

Sat 6:30pm Margaret Brady, INT

9:00am John Collins, RIP

11.00am People of the Parish

Monday - FERIA

9.30am Sosamma Philip, RIP

Tuesday - St Agatha

9.30am Betty Milton, RIP

Wednesday - NO MASS

Thursday - FERIA

6.30pm Chris & Imelda Lynch, INT

Friday - FERIA

9.30am Cathy Markey & family, INT

SATURDAY - CONFESSIONS 5.30PM - 6.00PM

SATURDAY - MASS AT 6.30PM

NEXT SUNDAY - 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sat 6:30pm People of the Parish

9:00am Chandy Philip, RIP

11.00am Gerard McCarney, RIP

Lunch Club: Friday 11.30am onwards.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Christian Life: Friday 7.00pm in the Hall.

Legion of Mary: Friday 7.30pm in the Hall.

11-16TH FEB, MON-THURS & SAT 10-5PM, FRI - 12-5PM.

There will be ongoing daytime adoration facilitated by Vianney Ministries in intercession for Priests and Vocations to the Priesthood.

CONCERT OF SACRED ARIAS - HOLY GHOST CHURCH AT 5PM, 10TH FEBRUARY - in aid of the Church Restoration fund and the Restoration of a 17th Century Statue of Our Lady in the Oratory of the Confraternity. See notice board for further details.

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

- Concert at Luton Library Theatre - **Wednesday 13th March at 7pm**
- Reunion Night - **Saturday 4th May**
- Mass with Bishop Peter - **Saturday 6th July at 2.30pm**

For further details and ticket info about all events, please see the school website www.cardinalnewmanschool.net and Facebook pages or ring the school on 01582 597125.

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL - are looking to recruit Exam Invigilators. For an informal chat about the role of an exam invigilator please contact the Exams Manager on 01582 597125.

FOOD FOR NOAH - please continue to put non-perishable food items in the containers in the porch. Thank you.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying:

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

'So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them

all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,

or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

'I, for my part, today will make you

into a fortified city,

a pillar of iron,

and a wall of bronze

to confront all this land:

the kings of Judah, its princes,

its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you

but shall not overcome you,

for I am with you to deliver you –

it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm – 70(71):1-6,15,17

My lips will tell of your help.

Second Reading – Corinthians 12:31-13:13

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The

knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through me.

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Gospel – Luke 4:21-30

No prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?'

But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."'

And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR A FULL COPY OF THE STATEMENT ON THE SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS.

For further official information, visit:

gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

also various information resources are at:

gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 4: Breda & Anne

Next Week: Team 5: Charlotte & Roy

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 1: Betty, Anne & Mary

Next Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

This Week: CFC/CFC

Next Week: Maureen & Mandy/Anne & Maureen

Thanks to our Flower Arrangers

Anna, Bernadette & Jhay

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator & Hall Bookings)

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Monday – Thursday 9.15-1.15pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Sunday 20th January - £1003.44

2nd collection 20th January - PAX Christie £241.99

Sunday 27th January - £1110.24